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OF THE

One Hundred and Fifteenth Anniversary and One Hundred and Eleventh Annual Session

OF THE

CHESTATEE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

HELD WITH

Cavender's Creek Church

On October 6th, 7th, 8th, 1950

MODERATOR:

REV. J. E. GRIZZLE, Dahlonega, Ga., Rt. 4.

CLERK:

C. H. STRINGER, Murrayville, Ga., Rt. 1

The next session of this Association will be held with Mt. Gilead Church, Lumpkin County, Georgia, on Dahlonega and Gainesville Highway No. 52, six miles east of Dahlonega, Ga., beginning on Friday before the 2nd Sunday in Oct., 1951.

CAVENDER'S CREEK CHURCH

Lumpkin County, Georgia

October 6, 1950

The Chestatee Baptist Association met today on its one hundred and fifteenth anniversary, this making its one hundred and eleventh annual session. The Introductory Sermon was preached by Rev. B. H. Fields. His text was in the 6th chapter of Jeremiah, and 16th verse. "Thus saith the Lord: stand ye in the way and see and ask for the old paths where is the good way, and walk therein and ye shall find rest for your souls. But they said, we will not walk therein."

After preaching, the delegates took one hour and a half for preaching and dinner, after which they met back and were led in prayer by Rev. C. L. Palmour. The Moderator then appointed Rev. E. E. Turner, Rev. Claud Hood, Harrison Stringer, Rev. Roger Tankersley to read letters from the churches.

1. Antioch—Hubert Winkler, Will Allison.
2. Bethlehem—Frank Beck.
3. Cavender's Creek—Rev. B. H. Fields, Rev. C. L. Palmour, J. M. Ricketts.
4. Concord—Rev. J. E. Grizzle, Gordon Parks.
5. Duke's Creek—Not represented.
6. Friendship—Howard Wilkins, Lester Cantrell, J. B. Welborn.
7. Hightower—Garfield Rider.
8. Mt. Zion—Oliver Grindle, C. H. Stringer, Claud Anderson, A. F. Ferguson, Willis Bryan.
9. Mt. Gilead—Joe Dyer, Reece Chapman, Goldman Barnes.
10. Mt. Olive—Eston Peck, Frank Ledford, Stuart Sullens.
11. Mt. Sinai—Melvin Grindle, Alec Housley, Steve Fields.
12. Pleasant Hill—Johnny Berry, Miles Berry, Edd Ridley.
13. Nimblewill—T. R. Carder.
14. Salem—Herschel Higgins.
15. Pleasant Valley—A. D. Todd.
16. Towns Creek—Oliver Winkler, W. M. Allison, C. H. Etris, Hoke Cantrell.
17. Yahoola—Rev. N. M. Grizzle, Clifford Walker, R. J. Lee.
18. New Bethel—Burt Hix, Harley McClure, C. C. Woodall.
19. Philippi—J. W. Thomas, Edgar Grindle, R. P. Welch.

On motion, Antioch was restored back into the body with letter and delegates.

Called for petitionary letters. None joined.

The Moderator appointed Rev. Claud Hood, Rev. Roger Tankersley and Harrison Stringer to hold an election to elect a Moderator and Clerk. Rev. J. E. Grizzle was elected Moderator and C. H. Stringer was elected Clerk for 1951. Then the Moderator gave an invitation to visitors: Rev. Ted Anderson, Floyd Cantrell, Willie Head, Pleasant Valley; Claude Barnes, Mt. Gilead; Rev. E. E. Turner, John Howard, Rev. Claud Hood, New Bridge; Harrison Stringer, Rev. Roger Tankersley, Yellow Creek; Boyd Anderson, Zion; Mrs. Earley Fields, Mrs. Jossie Barnes, Mrs. Myrtle Anderson, Mrs. Alvin Todd, Mrs. Claud Barnes, Lola Mae Sullens, Estelle Sullens, Mt. Olive; and Ernest Head, Pleasant Valley, were received into the body.

The Moderator called for Corresponding Messengers. None received.

The Moderator appointed the following committees:

Committee on Arrangements—Jim Ricketts, Harley McClure, Garfield Rider, Frank Ledford.

Committee on Preaching—Jim Ricketts, Gordon Parks, Johnny Thomas, G. W. Barnes, Bert Hix.

Committee on Sunday School—Rev. B. H. Fields, Rev. N. M. Grizzle, Rev. C. L. Palmour, Oliver Grindle, A. D. Todd, Reece Chapman, Willis Bryan.

Committee on Queries—Theo Carder, Miles Berry, Carl Woodall, W. M. Allison, C. H. Etris.

Committee on Temperance—Melvin Grindle, Edd Ridley, Hoke Cantrell, Clifford Walker, Will Allison.

Committee on Finance—Joe Dyer, Claud Anderson, Steve Fields.

Committee on Pastoral Support—A. F. Ferguson, Eston Peck, Joe Winkler, Frank Beck, J. B. Welborn.

Committee on Deceased Members—Alec Housley, Lester Cantrell, Riley Lee, Johnny Berry, Herschel Higgins.

Committee on Resolutions—Howard Wilkins, Steward Sullens, R. P. Welch, H. G. Winkler.

On motion, the Association adjourned until Saturday morning.

On Saturday morning, met back according to adjournment and were led in prayer by Bro. Jim Ricketts. Then the Moderator renewed invitations to visitors: Rev. Willie Miller, W. L. Meers, Arthur Grindle, Rev. Walter Hainey, Rev. Homer Thomas, R. V. Martin, L. R. Tillman, George Adams, Mrs. George Adams, and Harve Anderson were received into the body.

The Clerk called the roll and marked absentees.

On motion, adjourned two hours and a half for dinner and preaching. Met back after dinner and were led in prayer by Rev. N. F. Flanagan.

The Moderator then called for reports of committees.

COMMITTEE ON ARRANGEMENTS

We, your Committee on Arrangements, submit the following:

1. Preach the Introductory Sermon.
2. Read letters from churches.
3. Call for petitionary letters.
4. Elect Moderator and Clerk.
5. Invite visitors.
6. Call for Corresponding Messengers.
7. Appoint various committees.
8. Renew invitation to visitors.
9. Call roll and mark absentees.
10. Call for Report of Committees.
11. General business.
12. Adjourn.

JIM RICKETTS, Chairman.

COMMITTEE ON PREACHING

We, your Committee on Preaching, submit the following:

Friday Night—Rev. Roger Tankersley, Rev. E. E. Turner, and Rev. Ted Anderson.

Saturday 11 A. M.—Rev. Walter Hainey, Rev. C. L. Palmour.

Saturday Night—Rev. J. E. Grizzle.

Sunday, 11 A. M.—Rev. Barney Fields.

JIM RICKETTS, Chairman.

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS

We, your Committee on Sunday Schools, submit the following:

We find some of our churches do not report a Sunday School. We wonder why, when we feel it is the duty of the churches to administer the Word of the Lord, we urge that the pastors of all our churches encourage Sunday School.

REV. B. H. FIELDS, Chairman.

REPORT ON QUERIES

We, your Committee on Queries, find there has been one query sent up from Pleasant Valley Church, which we submit to the body, and we, your Committee, recommend the body give a definite answer. This is the query: is a church in order when using a preacher that is excluded as a Moderator? Answer: No, by the body.

T. R. CARDER, Chairman.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE

We, your Committee on Temperance, submit the following report: That we should be temperate in all things allowed. Even so the tongue is a little member and boasteth great things, out of the same mouth proceedeth blessings and cursing. My brethren, these things ought not to be so.

MELVIN GRINDLE, Chairman.

REPORT ON FINANCE

We, your Committee on Finance, find our churches sent in $64.68 for minutes. We recommend that the Clerk and Moderator be paid $6.00 each for their services, and have as many Minutes printed as the remainder will pay for, and distribute them to the churches.

JOE DYER, Chairman.

REPORT ON PASTORAL SUPPORT

We, your Committee on Pastoral Support, submit the following: We believe that members of our churches, especially the deacons, should see to the finances of our preachers so that they receive enough to pay their expenses during the time they are serving their churches. If each member would give a small amount each month it would help the preacher to meet all his expenses. Preachers are called on many times inside and outside their community, when it is not their regular meeting day. We believe the laborer worthy of his hire.

A. F. FERGUSON, Chairman.

REPORT ON DECEASED MEMBERS

"In my Father's House are many mansions. If it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you."

Jesus came and received the following children:

MT. SINAI—Lost, one Brother, Rev. W. Y. Grindle, who died May 5, 1950. Lived a member many years. Age 72. Total: one member.

MT. ZION NO. 2—Lost, one Sister. Beulah Mae Bruce, who died August 11, 1950. Lived a member 14 years. Age 33. Total: one member.

CONCORD—Lost, one Brother. J. M. Head, who died March 1950. Lived a member 25 years. Age 43. Total: one member.

MT. OLIVE—Lost, one Sister. Mrs. J. L. Bryant, who died November 21, 1949. Lived a member many years. Age 71. Total: one member.

SALEM—Lost, one Brother. Ray Lance, who died June 28, 1950. Lived a member 25 years. Age 43. Total: one member.

PHILIPPI—Lost, one Sister. Sister Minnie Hatfield, who died May 7, 1950. Lived a member 27 years. Age 70. Total: one member.

TOWN CREEK—Lost, the following:

Brother James H. Stancil, who died October 24, 1949. Lived a member 33 years. Age 48.

Bro. John Berry Turner, who died in November, 1949. Lived a member 62 years. Age 84.

Sister Mollie Sutton, who died March 15, 1950. Lived a member 62 years. Age 76.

Sister Eliza A. Helton, who died April 23, 1950. Lived a member 62 years. Age 79.

Sister Beulah Byrd, who died May 26, 1950. Lived a member 40 years. Age 57.

Total: five members.

ANTIOCH—Lost, the following:

Sister Nancy Lackey, who died in June.

Bro. Edward Canup, who died in August, 1950. Age 28.

Total: two members.

FRIENDSHIP—Lost, one Sister. Emeline Cantrell, who died August 31, 1950. Lived a member 2 years. Age 73. Total: one member.

Total all members: Fourteen.

W. A. HOUSLEY, Chairman.

REPORT ON RESOLUTIONS

We, your Committee on Resolutions, submit the following:

We are very grateful to Cavender's Creek Church and Community for the great kindness and brotherly love shown us during this session, and pray that God will be with them in all their efforts and undertakings.

HOWARD WILKINS, Chairman.

GENERAL BUSINESS

On motion, the next session of this Association will be held with Mt. Gilead Church, six miles east of Dahlonega on the Dahlonega-Gainesville Highway No. 52, beginning on Friday before the second Sunday in October, 1951.

On motion, Pleasant Valley Church is to be excluded from this Association in three months unless the church meets conditions set forth by this body of delegates, 1950.

On motion, this paragraph was added to the Decorum: No. 9. You should be a member of this Association to be eligible to preach the Introductory Sermon.

On motion, this body is to be adjourned until the time and place mentioned above.

The Farewell Address was delivered by Rev. N. M. Grizzle, after which the delegates took the parting handshake and were dismissed in prayer by Bro. John Howard.

REV. J. E. GRIZZLE, Moderator.
C. H. STRINGER, Clerk.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

1. We believe in only one true and living God—the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, and these are not three Gods, but one God.

2. We believe that the Old and the New Testaments are the Word of God and are the only rule of faith and practice.

3. In the Fall of Adam, and the imputation of his sin to his posterity, in the corruption of human nature and the impotency of man to recover himself by his own free will and ability.

4. In election according to the foreknowledge of God the Father through satisfaction of the spirit and belief of the truth.

5. That sinners were justified in the sight of God only by the righteousness of Christ imputed to them.

6. That all those who were chosen in Christ will be effectually called, regenerated, converted, sanctified and supported by His power so that they shall persevere in grace and not one of them finally be lost.

7. That good works are the fruit of faith, and follow after justification, and that they only justify us in the sight of men and angels and are evidences of our gracious state.

8. That there will be a resurrection of the dead and general judgment; that the happiness of the righteousness and the punishment of the wicked will be eternal.

9. We believe that Baptism and the Lord's Supper are ordinances of the church and washing the saints' feet is an example to be kept up by the church.

DECORUM

1. That this Association shall be composed of members who have been regularly chosen by their churches and are recommended by letter which shall represent their appointment by the number of members in their church; also the number which has been received, dismissed, excommunicated, restored or dead in the past year.

2. This Association claims no power over the eternal rights of a church as they do not lord it over God's heritage, but would only assume the character of an advisory council consistent with which the churches allow us to act. She shall have a Moderator and Clerk, who shall be appointed annually by the members present, and shall stay in office until the next appointment.

3. No church shall be permitted to have more than three delegates in this Association until her number in fellowship exceeds one hundred, and then one delegate to every fifty members afterwards.

4. Every application made by a church for admittance into this Association must be done by petition, by letter, and if found orthodox, and received, the Moderator shall testify their reception by giving the delegates the right hand of fellowship.

5. No query will receive the attention of this Association only those that are sent under the authority and request of a church.

6. Every motion made and seconded shall come under the observation of the Association, if considered in order, except it be withdrawn by the member who made it.

7. Every member who speaks in debate shall rise to his feet and address the Moderator and shall not be interrupted while speaking except when he departs from the subject, but shall not be permitted to speak more than three times on one subject without the consent of the Associaion.

8. This Association shall always begin and end each day's session with prayer. The members must observe good order while in session and not absent themselves from same without leave of the Moderator.

9. That you have to be a member of this Association to be eligible to preach the Introductory Sermon 1945 at Mt. Olive.

CHURCHES	PASTORS AND POSTOFFICES	Meeting Days	Ordained Min.	Licentiates	Baptized	Rec. by Letter	Dis. by Letter	Excluded	Restored	Dead	Total Members	Money for Min.
Antioch	Rev. Ernest Barden, Murrayville, Ga., R-1.	1	0	0	4	1	0	0	0	2	96	$ 2.50
Bethlehem	Rev. B. H. Fields, Dahlonega, Ga.	1	0	0	8	3	1	0	0	0	153	2.50
Cavendar's Creek	Rev. B. H. Fields, Dahlonega, Ga.	4	2	0	8	3	3	0	0	0	120	4.00
Concord	Rev. Clifford Palmer, Murrayville, Ga., R-1.	2	1	0	1	0	6	0	0	1	89	3.10
Friendship	Rev. J. E. Grizzle, Dahlonega, Ga.	1 - 3	2	0	6	14	9	3	0	1	52	3.00
Hightower	Rev. Homer Shelnut, Cleveland, Ga.	1	0	0	2	0	1	0	0	0	90	3.00
Mt. Gilead	Rev. Ernest Barden, Murrayville, Ga., R-1	2	0	0	0	1	9	0	0	0	119	4.25
Mt. Olive	Rev. T. C. Christy, Atlanta, Ga.	4	1	0	0	0	2	0	0	1	93	3.00
Mt. Sinai	Rev. Barney Dowdy, Dahlonega, Ga.	1	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	1	45	2.50
Mt. Zion No. 2	Rev. Frank Gable, Dahlonega, Ga.	3	0	0	4	2	6	1	2	1	215	5.00
Nimblewill	Rev. J. R. Cane, Ellijay, Ga.	2	1	0	4	6	4	1	1	0	184	4.25
Phillippi	Rev. Ted Anderson, Murrayville, Ga., R-1.	2	0	1	4	0	12	0	0	1	161	3.00
Pleasant Hill	Rev. A. J. Miller, Dahlonega, Ga.	3	0	0	3	0	2	0	0	0	112	4.50
Pleasant Valley	Rev. W. B. Sullens, Dahlonega, Ga.	4	0	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	69	2.50
Salem	Rev. Roy Cantrell, Ellijay, Ga.	2	2	0	5	1	1	0	0	1	75	2.00
Town Creek	Rev. H. D. Freeland, Athens, Ga.	1	1	1	3	4	3	0	0	5	151	4.48
Yahoola	Rev. J. E. Grizzle, Dahlonega, Ga.	1 - 3	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	290	7.00
New Bethel	Rev. Rogers Tankersley, Gainesville, Ga.	2	0	0	3	4	3	0	0	0	103	4.10
			11	3	57	45	64	5	3	14	2317	$64.68

* Duke's Creek—Not represented.